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Subject: FILE NUMBER 100-47877

FOIPA No. 1088248- 000

Dear Requester:

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35 page(s) were reviewed and 35 page(s) are being released.

☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

- ☐ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☐ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

Newark, New Jersey
March 20, 1964

THE EYE OPENER
BOX 645
SARASOTA, FLORIDA

On March 18, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted], New Jersey, telephonically contacted the
Newark Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to advise
that people were being asked to call telephone number CR 3-0369
and listen to a recording. [redacted] stated that this
recording pertains to the investigation of the assassination
of President John F. Kennedy. She also stated that she had
ascertained that the record is being paid for by [redacted]
[redacted] Summit, New Jersey.

The 1963 Summit city directory reflects that [redacted]
[redacted] has offices at [redacted] and resides at
[redacted] Summit.

On March 6, 1964, [redacted], [redacted]
[redacted] New Jersey, advised that recently when he
received mail from [redacted] some of the envelopes contained
various printed comments, one of which was a stamped notation
"Let Freedom Ring! Each week call CR 3-0369, Code 201."

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Following is a transcription of the recording obtained
by dialing CR 3-0369:

"Let freedom ring. We are told that Lee Oswald
and Jack Ruby acted independently. They were just
poor victims of an atmosphere of hate and in need of
a mental health clinic. But before the Warren
Commission completely obscures the facts, let's look
at some interesting points:

"Fidel Castro threatened to break off relations
with Mexico if Mexican authorities attempted to
investigate Oswald's activities in their country.

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"Jack Ruby, who was supposed to have acted through blind emotion, is reported to have been in Havana, Cuba, last year.

"Lee Oswald's apartment was close to Ruby's, and Oswald was headed in the direction of Ruby's apartment when he encountered Officer Tippit.

"Also of interest is the fact that Congressman Hal Boggs, an extreme left winger who is on the Warren Investigating Committee, has an interesting communist front record. Just minutes after the assassination, Boggs, Walter Reuther, and a red-wing black bird, Earl Warren, miraculously appeared on radio and TV and denounced the John Birch Society and other anticommunist groups, even though Oswald proudly announced that he was a communist.

"The American people will probably never know how much they owe to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There are rumors afoot that the Warren Commission, which is a brazen usurpation of the investigative power of Congress, will attempt to turn the investigation into a smear of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its director, J. Edgar Hoover.

"If you have not received the Let Freedom Ring assassination series - one of the first unhypocritical reports of the tragedy and the eye opening highly documented SFX research report, send one dollar to The Eye Opener, Box 645, Sarasota, Florida."

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-)
SUBJECT: THE EYE OPENER
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

Enclosed herewith are six copies of a self-explanatory LHM for the Bureau and two copies for Tampa. One copy has been furnished locally to Secret Service, Newark.

The transcription was made of the recording by Secretary [redacted] of the Newark Office.

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Two copies of the LHM are being furnished to Tampa inasmuch as the transcription indicates that headquarters of The Eye Opener are in Sarasota, Fla. No further action is contemplated by Newark at this time.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (94-37374)

5/30/64

SAC, TAMPA (100-731) (C)

THE EYE OPENER
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

ReNKlet to Bureau dated 3/20/64 and TPlet to
Bureau captioned [REDACTED] LET
FREEDOM RING, dated 3/12/64.

[REDACTED] Fla.,
continues to be very active in the Let Freedom Ring organiza-
tion at Sarasota. The only known activity by this organiza-
tion is recorded messages delivered over the telephone
when an advertised number is dialed.

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The above is for the information of the Bureau
and Newark and no investigation is being conducted UACB.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Tampa, Florida

JUN 6 1964

"LET FREEDOM RING"

BOX 645

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGE, MAY 24, 1964,
BOULDER, COLORADO

Reference is made to memorandum submitted by the Newark, New Jersey Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, under date of March 20, 1964, captioned "THE EYE OPENER, Box 645, Sarasota, Florida"; also memorandum submitted by the Denver, Colorado Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, under date of June 2, 1964, captioned as above.

Many complaints have been made to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the Sarasota, Florida area since October, 1962 concerning statements made in recorded messages which may be heard by the general public by dialing a publicized telephone number at Sarasota. The message, text of which is changed from time to time, begins and ends with the statement, "Let freedom ring". Persons who have heard the messages, which are said to be from two to three minutes in length, have advised that, or complained because, the speaker has from time to time criticized the United States Government, government leaders, the Supreme Court, the administration's foreign policy, the United Nations, has asked the American people to demand impeachment of the late President John F. Kennedy and has implied that President Kennedy was guilty of treason.

A Washington, D.C. resident, during October, 1962, reported receipt of a post card, postmarked October 16, 1962 at Berkeley, California, with return address "Freedom Front Publishers, P. O. Box 645, 6916 Point of Rocks Road".

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Sarasota, Florida". The handwritten message on the card was "Wish you were here", signed "Fidel". The recipient indicated he had no knowledge concerning identity of the sender.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during November, 1962 that investigation made to determine the origin of the first known recorded message (October, 1962) at Sarasota revealed that the telephone whose number is dialed to obtain said message is located at [REDACTED]

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that [REDACTED]

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It has been determined that [REDACTED]

An article in the "Sarasota Herald-Tribune", November 16, 1962 issue, carried an article setting forth the answers to particular questions submitted to Dr. William C. Douglass, same concerning the "Let Freedom Ring" telephone messages in the area. Dr. Douglass refused to be interviewed, according to the article, but finally agreed to answer questions submitted to him in writing. Questions and answers printed in the article are as follows:

1. Since this is a program to promote Americanism, there seems to be no reason for secrecy. Why has no sponsoring person or group been announced?

Answer: Why should there be? The sponsors seek no personal publicity.

2. Is this program financed or connected with any local or national organization such as Project Alert? Specifically is it connected with the John Birch Society?

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Answer: No.

3. Is it your voice which is being broadcast?

Answer: Various voices are used.

4. What other individuals, locally or nationally, are sponsors?

Answer: Same as No. 1.

5. Is this simply a public-spirited gesture on your part?

Answer: A public-spirited gesture of local patriots.

The above mentioned article advised that Douglass had then only recently moved to Sarasota, also that a biography in the November issue of the Sarasota Medical Society Bulletin indicated that Douglass came to Sarasota from the Naval Air Station, Sanford, Florida.

The article revealed that Douglass had received his BA Degree from the University of Rochester in 1949, his MD from the University of Miami School of Medicine in 1957, and that he had served a rotating internship at St. Alban's Naval Hospital, Long Island, New York, 1957-58. He also studied for six months in 1959 at the School of Aviation Medicine.

The article further indicated Dr. Douglass was in the Navy from 1944 to 1956 and from 1957 to 1962, serving at the Naval Air Station at Sanford, Florida, Jacksonville, Long Island, Pensacola, Guam, Point Mugu, California and then back to Sanford. He was an obstetrician at Guam Memorial Hospital from 1959 to 1961 and was in private practice at Ojai, California for 10 months in 1961.

His hobbies were listed as politics, government affairs, hunting, music and golf, according to the article, and he holds membership in the AKK Medical Fraternity and

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the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons. The article said he lives with his wife, Theo, and two children, Tracy and Campbell, at 6916 Point o'Rocks Road.

On December 9, 1963, Dr. Douglass reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Sarasota concerning several instances of harassment suffered by him and his family, which harassment he attributed to his sponsorship of the "Let Freedom Ring" telephone messages at Sarasota. One individual allegedly threatened to run Douglass "out of Sarasota and out of the country", which threat Douglass thought to be prompted by his, Douglass', membership in the American Civil Liberties Union. ^

✓ Information has been received that Douglass has spoken before the Manatee County (Florida) Chapter of the White Citizens Council and has attended meetings of the Florida Coalition of Patriotic Societies (a pro-segregation organization). A speech described in the March 6, 1964 issue of the "Sarasota Herald-Tribune", same made before a Civic Club, was indicated to be anti-communist and pro-segregation. Douglass charged said newspaper with carrying stories regarding the murder of Medgar Evers but with failure to mention three incidents involving Negro attacks on white people.

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 18, 1964 that

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

New York City, advised in February, 1964 that a newly formed educational project called "Let Freedom Ring" had been instituted on Staten Island. [REDACTED] said a retired New York City policeman, [REDACTED], has a telephone recording which gives a one minute message to persons dialing a particular telephone number and that the message, along anti-communist lines, is changed every Sunday.

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Source said the messages are compiled by [REDACTED]
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On May 28, 1964, [REDACTED], Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, furnished the text of a message she had copied through dialing the "Let Freedom Ring" telephone number at Sarasota. This particular message is identical with the message whose text is set forth in referenced Denver communication mentioned above.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (94-37374)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-1318) (RUC)

"LET FREEDOM RING"
ANTI-CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP
BOULDER, COLORADO
RM

Re Bureau airtel to Denver dated 6/3/64, captioned as above, also Bureau file number 94-37374. Tampa letters to Director, 11/6/63, 11/20/63, 12/17/63 and 1/3/64, also Bureau letter, 12/21/63, all captioned "RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGE OF DEFAMATORY NATURE DIRECTED AT PRESIDENT KENNEDY, SARASOTA, FLORIDA"; Research Matters. Tampa airtel to Director, 12/18/63, Tampa letter to Director, 3/12/64 and Bureau letter to Tampa, 3/19/64, all entitled [redacted]; LET FREEDOM RING COMMITTEE"; Research Matters. New York letter to Tampa (IO) dated 3/9/64, entitled "LET FREEDOM RING"; Information Concerning. New York letter to Director, 3/23/64, entitled "UNSUB; YU 7-4343"; Information Concerning. Newark letter to Director dated 3/20/64, Tampa letter, 5/30/64, both entitled "THE XYS OPENER", Information Concerning, Internal Security. Reference is also made to Detroit airtel to Director, 6/2/64, entitled "LET FREEDOM RING, P. O. BOX 845, SARASOTA, FLORIDA, RM" and letterhead memorandum enclosed therewith.

Enclosed for the Bureau are appropriate copies of LHM as requested, for dissemination purposes.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 3) (RM)
2 - Denver (Enc. 2) (RM)
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Copies of this memorandum are also being furnished to Denver, New York and Newark Offices, who have an interest in this matter.

Sources who furnished information set forth in enclosed memorandum are identified as:



Copies are also being furnished to Secret Service, OSI, ONI and CIC locally.

The Bureau's attention is called to re Tampa letter 1/3/63 which sets forth information concerning the activities of [redacted] while in the Marine Corps, most of which information, as furnished to the Tampa Office by the District Intelligence Office, 6th Naval District, Charleston, S.C., was classified confidential. Attention is also directed to Tampa letter 12/18/63 which enclosed a mimeographed copy of a letter dated 12/8/63 from [redacted] to Mr. HOOVER, same assumed to have been given wide local distribution.

As noted in Bureau letter 3/19/64, [redacted] is considered by those with whom he comes in contact as an irresponsible person with propensities toward making unfounded statements.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEWARK

DATE: 6/10/64

FROM : IC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING
INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)

At 12:17 p.m. today the Newark FBI Office was telephonically contacted by an unidentified white male who related the following:

Caller said he is employed by the N.J. Bell Telco. and on June 1, 1964 he installed a telephone in Kearny, N.J. for captioned organization. He said for information to our office the phone number was [REDACTED]. He said in the event this office needed further information on this number we would have to go through official channels.

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Date

To From

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File - Serial Charge Out
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File 100-47811 Date 10/1/64
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Date

To From

Date charged

Employee

Location

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

SAC, NEWARK

DATE: 6/9/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-0)

SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS PACK
TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]
RACIAL MATTERS

On 5/29/64, at 11:28 p.m., IC [REDACTED] received a telephone call from an anonymous female who furnished the above captioned telephone number and suggested that the FBI listen to the recording which is played when the number is dialed.

IC [REDACTED] dialed the number and heard a recording of a male voice criticizing Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY, Secretary of Defense MC NAMARA, the United States Foreign Policy and alleged that United States Negroes were secretly building an Army within the United States. At the end of the recording the listener was asked to send a \$1.00 to Civil Rights Pack, P.O. Box 743, Summit, New Jersey. It was also stated that a new message would be heard at the above number each Thursday.

The above is being submitted to the Newark Office and it is suggested that this number be checked out, that an agent listen to the recording and that the Bureau be advised by letterhead memorandum unless that has already been done.

It is suggested that a copy of any LHM submitted be forwarded to the NYO for its information in the event further information or inquiry is received concerning this matter.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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The message further states that the left wing press is saying that the American patriots are plotting the assassination of EARL WARREN, who is pro-communist. Some false patriot may assassinate WARREN and blame it on the patriots. The patriots do not want to assassinate him but want him impeached. The message states that they salute Mr. HOOVER and hope that the FBI can keep EARL WARREN alive.

The message concludes by stating that an Impeachment Packet may be obtained by sending a \$1 donation to 'The Patriot', P.O. Box 743, Summit, N.J.

IC [redacted] was contacted and he recorded the above message on tape.

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Relief Supervisor [redacted] was notified.

In view of the remarks made about the FBI, it is recommended that a verbatim account of the message be furnished to the Bureau.

The files on 'UNKNOWN SUBJECT aka 'The Patriot'; Racial Matters (62-2033)", should be reviewed to determine if the above information is connected with them.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEWARK (100-)

DATE: 4/2/64

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

THE PATRIOT
P.O. BOX 743
SUMMIT, N.J.
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On 3/27/64, [REDACTED] called the office to report that a tape recorded message which may be subversive, is obtained by calling telephone number CR 3-0369. The message changes every week and this week it mentions the FBI and impeachment of Chief Justice EARL WARREN.

[REDACTED] is home on leave and obtained the phone number from his mother, whom he put on the phone.

[REDACTED]
Newark, New Jersey, advised that she was given the number by someone at work. She is employed by Sealand Inc., Newark, N.J. She does not recall who gave her the number. She has called the number for the last two weeks and the message always is attacking someone. She wants to know if the messages are subversive.

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She was advised that the FBI could furnish no information concerning its investigations and that her call would be made a matter of record. She was advised that she could be contacted if additional information was needed. Her phone number is [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED] called CR 3-0369. A recorded message began "Let Freedom Ring" and stated that it was an "Open Letter to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover". The message indicated that there has been an attack on anti-communist organizations, such as the one sponsoring the message, to declare them subversives. The press has aided this attack by alluding to FBI surveillances and investigations when it is a known fact that the FBI does not make its investigations public.

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Rights Bill Attacked on Tape

Call to Summit Number Brings Message Rapping It

By DOUGLAS ELDRIDGE

A recorded denunciation of the federal civil rights bill can be heard by dialing a telephone in Summit.

The two-minute message, which is broadcast to anyone who dials CR 3-0369, gives no specific indication of who sponsors it. However, it opens and closes with the words "Let freedom ring" — hall-mark of an ultra-right group with headquarters in Sarasota, Fla. — and it includes a plug for "The Patriot, Box 743, Summit, N.J."

The phone was taken out in the name of Mrs. Heather H. Ruhl, wife of Dr. Forster G. Ruhl of 57 Drum Hill Drive, Summit, an obstetrician and gynecologist who has been active in conservative causes.

Mrs. Ruhl said she had no knowledge of the phone, nor any connection with it. Dr. Ruhl said the "unlisted" hone had been taken out by the "Let Freedom Ring Committee," and it was an error to link his wife to it. Dr. Ruhl said he was a member of the committee, but he would an-

swer no other questions unless they were submitted in writing.

DR. RUHL IS CHAIRMAN of the American Opinion Library, which distributes John Birch Society literature, operates a red, white and blue bookmobile on communism, and sponsors meetings in the Summit area. Leaflets from the organization were thrown at Chief Justice Earl Warren by pickets during a demonstration last Oct. 29 in New York.

A spokesman for the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. said the recording machines and special telephone lines are provided by the company for a \$40 installation fee and a \$40 monthly service charge. The devices have been used by advertisers, churches, politicians

and various organizations, he said.

The Summit message says that the civil rights bill will "turn America into a fascist state practically overnight . . . eliminate the two-party system of government and destroy all private property rights . . . put the control of education in the hands of Washington bureaucrats."

THE SPEAKER, apparently a young man, also says that if the bill is enacted, no institution in the country "would be free from the evil smell of Bobby Kennery's marshals and spies?"

The message also says that the rights bill will produce racial strife and anarchy, and benefit only the Communists — "who are waiting on the sidelines ready to plunge the knife of revolution deep into America's dying heart" — and will turn Negro and white Americans into "integrated slaves."

Listeners are urged to send \$1 to the Summit postal box for a copy of "The Mississippi

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Invasion . . . a fantastic but well-documented book."

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THE MESSAGE phone, installed Feb. 26, was announced in unsigned postcards to Summit area residents, and many others learned of it by word of mouth. One young Negro leader in Newark said he had told many of his friends about the phone, and added: "I think more liberals are calling it now than conservatives." The line was busy most of the time yesterday and this morning.

The head of the Let Freedom Ring Committee, Dr. William Douglas of Sarasota, Fla. said the practice of setting up telephone "stations" to broadcast the committee's opinions began 18 months ago, and has "spread like wildfire" through New Jersey, New York, Florida and California.

However, the phone spokesman said he knew of no other installations in the N.J. Bell territory.

Dr. Douglas said that he controls the "stations," and sends out written messages for their use every week. The Florida physician said "we're trying to do our little bit to awaken the people" about matters that are neglected by the mass media.

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SOME NEW JERSEY Negro leaders, enraged by the message, have discussed the possibility of trying to "jam" the line. To do that, however, would take a lot of dialing, since the recording device automatically disconnects the caller after each playing of the record.

"As a public utility," the Bell spokesman said, the company "makes its services available to all. We exercise no editorial censorship, except of course in areas of illegality."

A company spokesman noted, however, that such a service

could be discontinued if it caused congestion on telephone lines and disrupted service to other customers.

Dr. Ruhl, who is 38, practices medicine at 151 Summit Ave., Summit. He is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University.

DIRECTOR, FBI

4/15/64

SAC, NEWARK (100-47877) (C)

THE PATRIOT
POST OFFICE BOX 743
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY
(SECURITY MATTER)

Re Newark letter to Bureau dated 3/20/64 captioned
"THE EYE OPENER; INFORMATION CONCERNING; INTERNAL SECURITY".

As set out in referenced letter, a number of individuals have contacted the Newark Office to advise that a tape recorded message, which is changed each week, may be obtained by dialing telephone number CR 3-0369. During the week beginning Thursday, 3/26/64, the message which was obtained by dialing the above-mentioned number began with the words "let freedom ring" and the speaker stated that this was an "open letter to Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER". The message reflected that there has been an attack on anti-communist organizations, such as the one sponsoring this message, in an attempt to declare them subversive. According to the speaker, the press has aided this attack by alluding to FBI surveillances and investigations when it is a known fact that the FBI does not make its investigations public.

The message further stated that the left-wing press is saying that American patriots are plotting the assassination of EARL WARREN, who is allegedly pro-communist. The speaker states that some false patriot may assassinate WARREN and blame it on the "Patriots". The "Patriots" do not want to assassinate him but want him impeached. The message states that they salute Mr. HOOVER and hope that the FBI can keep EARL WARREN alive.

The tape concludes by stating that an Impeachment Packet may be obtained by sending a \$1 donation to "The Patriot", Post Office Box 743, Summit, N.J.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau. Inasmuch as there appears to be no violation of any laws over which the Bureau has jurisdiction, no further action is contemplated at this time by the Newark Office, UACB.

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TO NEWARK

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FORMER PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, INFORMATION
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ADVISED THIS DATE THAT TELEPHONE

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NUMBER

N.J.,

PLAYS A RECORDING WHICH FRINGES ON BEING LIBELOUS OF
EISENHOWER. THIS RECORDING TALKS ABOUT EISENHOWER'S
CONNECTION WITH COMMUNISTS AND OTHER UNDESIRABLE GROUPS.

END OF RECORDING INVITES LISTENER TO SEND SELF-ADDRESSED
ENVELOPE TO N.J., FOR A REVIEW
OF THE POLITICIAN.

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TO PHILADELPHIA (62-)

FROM NEWARK (100-

FORMER PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER. INFORMATION
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RE URTEL JUNE TWENTY SIX INSTANT.

NEWARK WILL SUTEL ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT THAT TIME
FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEWARK (100-47987)

DATE: 7/10/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: "CHANGED"
LET FREEDOM RING
[REDACTED]
(INFORMATION CONCERNING)

Re Philadelphia teletype to NK, 6/26/64, and NKtel to Philadelphia, same date, captioned, "FORMER PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER; INFORMATION CONCERNING."

The title of this case is being changed to reflect the identity of the source of information in this matter.

Philadelphia was interested in determining the identity of the subscriber to captioned telephone number.

On 6/29/64, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (protect), advised that [REDACTED]

Newark indices are negative relative to [REDACTED]

The above information was telephonically furnished to SA [REDACTED] of the Philadelphia Office on 6/29/64.

No further action remains to be taken in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEWARK (100-47987)

DATE: 7/10/64

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

LET FREEDOM RING

(INFORMATION CONCERNING)

On 6/26/64, an individual who identified himself as

[REDACTED] in the summer school at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], New Jersey, and a resident of

[REDACTED], that city, contacted the Newark Office, TELEPHONICALLY. b6 b7C

He explained that he is including "living propaganda" in one of the Social Studies courses he is teaching and in this connection has taped the taped message one hears upon dialing [REDACTED]. The phone at this number is answered with "Let Freedom Ring." The current tape carries a libelous tirade against former President EISENHOWER.

[REDACTED] consider the above tirade unpatriotic, to say the least. His main concern, however, was with reference to the legality of both the above taped message and his tape recording of that message.

He was advised that the FBI is in no position to furnish legal advice. It was suggested that he may wish to speak to an official of the telephone company in this regard.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEWARK (100-~~47887~~)

DATE: 7/10/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING
CR 3-0369
(INFORMATION CONCERNING)

During the course of other business with the telephone company, on 6/29/64, former SA [REDACTED] advised that telephone number CR 3-0369 is listed to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] New Jersey. His application for service reflects [REDACTED] full name as [REDACTED] and that service was connected in March, 1964. The billing for the above number is to [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]

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Indices are negative with respect to [REDACTED] and contain references to [REDACTED] in this matter.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEWARK (100-47811)

DATE: 7/20/64

FROM :

SA

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SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING
INFORMATION CONCERNING

It is recommended that File 100-47877 captioned "THE PATRIOT" and file 100-47987 captioned "FORMER PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER. INFORMATION CONCERNING" and File 100-47811 captioned "THE EYE OPENER" be consolidated to one dead file (100-47811).

Inasmuch as all three files are concerned with the telephone numbers in N.J., which contain a recording message beginning with "Let freedom ring", it is recommended that all information be consolidated under the last matter captioned.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEWARK (100-

DATE: 6/30/64

FROM : [REDACTED]
Field Supervisor

SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING - PHONE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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On this date [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Newark, NJ telephonically advised that she had been referred to telephone number [REDACTED].

She said that upon calling this number she was shocked to hear the propaganda that was given out by recording. It related that Former Pres. Eisenhower was a communist etc.

She called to pass along the above information in the event the number was not known to this office.

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SAC, NEWARK (100-47811)

CIVIL RIGHTS PACK
TELEPHONE NUMBER (201)
CR 3-0369
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Re New York letter to Newark dated 6/4/64 captioned as above.

Newark has been in receipt of numerous complaints from individuals concerning captioned telephone number. It has been ascertained that this number, as well as others which have been brought to the attention of the Newark Office, when dialed, are playing recorded messages beginning with the words, "Let freedom ring".

The messages have usually been in the nature of attacks on the Civil Rights Program, the Supreme Court, the Attorney General, etc.

As requested in referenced New York letter, there is being enclosed herewith a xerox copy of a letterhead memorandum dated 3/20/64 at Newark captioned, "The Eye Opener, Box 645, Sarasota, Florida".

In addition, New York is referred to Tampa airtel to the Bureau dated 6/6/64 captioned "LET FREEDOM RING, Anti Civil Rights Club, Boulder, Colorado," a copy of which was furnished to New York, with accompanying letterhead memorandum, which further described these telephone messages.

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Phone Tapes Score Javits

Recorded Messages in Three States Attack Voting Record

NEW YORK (UPI) — Telephone companies were listening carefully today to a recorded telephone smear campaign against Sen. Jacob K. Javits, but seemed temporarily stumped to find a legal method to stop it.

Persons dialing certain numbers in New York, Philadelphia and Kearny, N.J., are told by a voice identifying itself as "Let Freedom Ring" that Javits has "a 100 per cent pro-Communist voting record."

A phone company spokesman in New York said the message had been monitored and found "pretty rough" but "we could not deny this man the use of our equipment."

The recorded message, which

alleges that the senator "has had many associations with notorious Communists and Communist sympathizers," attacks him because of his refusal to support Sen. Barry Goldwater for president.

The number is listed as being sponsored by Mrs. Frank G. Tobin who lives in Staten Island.

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(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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NEWARK EVENING NEWS,
NEWARK, N. J.

Date: **8/12/64**
Edition: **CITY-COUNTY**
Author:
Editor: **WILLIAM R. CLARK**
Title:

Character:

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Classification:

Submitting Office: **NEWARK, N. J.**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Newark

DATE: 9/23/64

FROM : SA(A) [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On this date [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Newark, N.J. who resides at
[REDACTED] East Orange, N.J. telephonically contacted
the Newark FBI Office and advised that someone had handed him
a slip of paper today with a phone number on it requesting him
to call the number. He said that when he called the number,
Cr 3-0369 he heard ~~what~~ a taped speech of a "scurrilous"
attack on President Johnson even going so far as to intimate
that he had something to do with the ~~assassin~~ assassination of
President Kennedy. He said the tape ended by requesting that
the caller buy two books available ~~from~~ Box 743 Summit, N.J.
Post Office. [REDACTED] stated he was furnishing ~~this~~ the
above for the information of the FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-47811)

DATE: 10/27/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]
NIGHT SUPERVISOR

SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING

During the night of 10/27/64 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] N.J. [REDACTED] called.
She described herself as an "old woman who came from England
and who is a Republican who is going to vote for Johnson."

She was gravely concerned over the messages from
"Let Freedom Ring" at telephone number CR 3 0369. She advised
these messages change every week and currently the one being
used is considered by her to be indecent. She feels this
organization is using the same tactics as Hitler did in Europe
and many people who are not as enlightened as she would be
taken in by Let Freedom Ring.

[REDACTED] was of the opinion that the FBI should do
something about these messages. She further advised that she
had called the FBI previously (indices negative) concerning
Let Freedom Ring.

Memo submitted for indexing purposes.

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serial 6 of 157-1883.

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To From

Date charged

Employee

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